

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-659

December 8, 1998

DIRIGO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Request for Approval of Bill
Unbundling and Illustrative Bills

ORDER APPROVING
ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY RATES

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

This Order establishes electricity supply rates for: Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FIEC); Houlton Water Company, Electric Department (HWC); Kennebunk Light & Power District (KLPD); Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works (MEW); Swans Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIEC); and Van Buren Light & Power District (VBLPD) (the utilities). The utilities will use these electricity supply rates on illustrative unbundled bills in accordance with Chapter 309 of the Commission's rules. Unbundling bills will be sent to electricity customers beginning January, 1999 to illustrate future competitive market provision of electricity supply service. Section 3 of Chapter 309 delegates authority to the Commission's Director of Technical Analysis to approve electricity supply rates proposed by a utility, or to order rates for use on unbundled bills.

On October 9, 1998, the utilities submitted proposed electricity supply rates. Subsequent to their initial filing the utilities indicated that they would be revising their proposal and on December 2, 1998, the utilities filed a revised proposed set of supply rates.

The revised proposal reflects customer class-specific supply rates derived by the utilities' analysis of current bundled rates and T&D-only rates proposed in Docket Nos. 98-597, 98-598, 98-600, 98-601, 98-603 and 98-604. The revised proposal sets forth a baseline supply rate for each of the utilities' customer classes and notes that the baseline supply rates will increase or decrease during the January 1999 - February 2000 period by the amount of each utilities' fuel and purchased power adjustment factor. For customers that are subject to a minimum charge, the unbundled supply component will reflect the customer's actual usage in the billing period multiplied by the fuel and purchased power adjustment rate only.

I have reviewed the utilities' proposed supply rates and find them to be reasonable for use on illustrative unbundled bills.

Accordingly, it is

O R D E R E D

The electricity supply rates proposed for Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FIEC); Houlton Water Company, Electric Department (HWC); Kennebunk Light & Power District (KLPD); Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works (MEW); Swans Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIEC); and Van Buren Light & Power District (VBLPD) contained in the utilities' December 2 ,1998 filing are approved for use on illustrative unbundled bills in accordance with Chapter 309.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 8th day of December, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE
ACTING DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of adjudicatory proceedings are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 6(N) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.11) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which consideration is sought.

2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.

3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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